

# **ADEQ** **Meeting Minutes**

Arizona Department  
of Environmental Quality

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## **Tyson Wash Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site Community Advisory Board Meeting**

Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.  
Quartzsite Community Center  
305 N. Plymouth Street  
Quartzsite, Arizona

OU #07-005

CAB members present: Herman York, Audrey Berger, Dale Schooley, Marilyn McFate

Members absent: Walter Akin, Cecil Loyet

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Chris Gamache, Project Manager; Frank Bell, Community Involvement Coordinator; and Wendy Flood, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the public present: Gerald Berger, Wes Huntley, an Unidentified Quartzsite Business Chamber member

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The meeting began at 1:07 p.m.

The following matters were discussed, considered, and voted on at the meeting:

**1. Welcome & Introductions -**

Mr. Frank Bell introduced himself, and Mr. Herman York called the meeting to order. Introductions were done for those listed in these minutes.

**2. Update on Quarterly Monitoring and Sampling Activities, Groundwater Treatment System and the Feasibility Study Report -**

Mr. Chris Gamache presented a groundwater flow direction map from February 2007 showing that the groundwater flow direction is to the north/northwest. A groundwater contamination plume map from February 2007 was compared to the map from May 2006 to show how the plume concentrations have changed over the year and showed quite an improvement.

Mr. Gamache reported that the pump and treat system has been pumping an average of 8 gallons per minute. For the first quarter (January to March 2007) 368,550 gallons have been treated and reinjected. Since system start up in April 2003, the system has treated approximately 4.5 million gallons of water.

Mr. Gamache stated the Feasibility Study Report is still being written. The hope is to have it completed by June 2007. Once completed CAB members will be notified and a copy will be placed in the repository.

Mr. Gamache informed the CAB that in March 2007, ADEQ met with Mr. Metcalf and replaced the pump in his private well. Future activities for the site include continued work on the Feasibility Study and the next groundwater sampling event will take place the week of May 14, 2007. Results will be available at the next meeting.

A question was asked what the water was used for at the Welcome RV Park. Mr. Gamache responded the well is used for irrigation, laundry, car washing, etc. Mr. Metcalf's property is connected to the town water supply for drinking water.

**3. Acceptance and/or Changes to the minutes for 09/13/06 CAB Meeting –**

It was noted that Cecil Loyet was not recorded as being present at the meeting, and he was present. Ms. McFate moved to accept the minutes with changes. It was seconded by Ms. Berger and passed.

**4. Distribute Finalized 2006 Community Involvement Plan to CAB members –**

Mr. Frank Bell handed out the final Community Involvement Plan (CIP) to all present. Copies will be available in the repository as well, and copies can be requested from Mr. Bell.

**5. Discussion of CAB Member Applications -**

Mr. Bell had clarification on a few CAB members' status. It was discussed that Mr. Jack Burris and Ms. Jean Winters were voted off the CAB at the last meeting. Item 6 from the previous meeting minutes covers this issue. No new CAB applications were submitted to be voted on.

**6. Call to the Public –**

Mr. Wes Huntley requested a CAB application.

Mr. Schooley requested a follow-up on a comment made at the last meeting from Hal Davidson. Mr. Gamache commented that a letter was sent to Mr. Davidson which addressed the issue. Investigations are currently underway addressing the comments regarding the Pilot station.

Mr. Gamache also commented he received a call from Mr. Freedman asking if the water from the pump and treat system is potable (drinking) water and if so, why the town doesn't want the water accepted to their system. Mr. Gamache responded the water is drinking water grade; however, other factors needed to bring the water to the city's system to make it potable require more work and finances. Currently, it is better to maintain the current process of injection, which pushes the water back into the aquifer.

Ms. McFate made the comment that ADEQ has done a good job. Mr. Gamache also felt that the system has been successful and shown positive results.

**7. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Discussion –**

The next meeting was scheduled for August 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the same location. Agenda topics will include site updates, sampling results, voting on CAB applications, and voting on CAB Co-Chairs.

**8. Adjournment –**

Mr. York adjourned the meeting.